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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated September 13, 2001, in the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and supporting references 1-5 submitted herewith; entry of the requested amendments; and withdrawal of the rejections made in the Office Action.

Submitted herewith is a Petition For Extension Of Time, extending the due date for responding to the Office Action from December 13, 2001, to March 13, 2002. A check for the fee of \$460.00 (small entity) is included with the Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-70298-3/RMS/AXG).